

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 9 July 2019

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

AREA PLANNING REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report provides local committee with recommendations and matters to note relating to :*

- *Budget commitments*
- *Grant allocations from the recommendations of its Strategic Grants Panel*
- *Other relevant matters relating to Area Planning.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The items covered by this report support the council to achieve the outcomes stated in the Council Plan 2018-2022:*

- *People in Cumbria are healthy and safe*
- *Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving*
- *The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone*

2.2 *Improved locality working is one of the ways the council is delivering on its priorities. The county council vision, included in the Council Plan 2018-2022, sets out that it will be 'A Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.' The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to this vision.*

2.3 *Locally devolved funding is available for Carlisle Local Committee to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of Carlisle. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*

2.4 *A separate Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report since equality issues are dealt with at a project level for each of the applications to funding within the course of the year.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Committee notes the commitments made and the remaining balances within delegated budgets and notes the grants detailed in Appendix 1

3.2 That the committee notes grants made from General Provision funding detailed in appendix 2 and summarised below

£4500 to Petteril Bank Community Centre towards the costs of an options appraisal

£3000 to Upperby Seniors Club towards the costs of upgrading lighting and emergency lighting

£2500 to AWAZ towards the costs of the Unity Festival

£5000 to Carlisle Rugby Club towards to the costs of replacing the pitch perimeter fence

3.3 That the committee notes grants made from 0-19 grant funding detailed in appendix 3 and summarised below

£1800 to Botcherby Community Centre towards setting up a parent/carer toddler group

£1000 to Morton Community Centre towards a summer play scheme

£410 to UniSun Athletic Junior Football Club towards a summer tournament

£2000 to The Rock Youth Project towards for a pilot 'senior plus' youth session

£3000 to Yewdale Community Centre towards a pilot programme of additional support to benefit families accessing the nursery

£2500 to Carlisle Youth Zone towards a holiday hunger project to run in summer holidays

£1050 to Bees Youth Club towards costs of outdoor instructors for annual residential

£2000 to Dalston Recreation Association towards costs for play equipment for older children

£5000 to Kingmoor Nursery & Infant School PTA to develop an outdoor play area/community space

3.4 That the committee notes the findings of the Library Service review specifically to cease book drops at Monkhill and Burgh by Sands and change provision at Denton Holme from branch library to Library Link

3.5 That the committee agrees to allocate £6400 from the Area Planning Fund for works within Carlisle Library to create an autism sensory room 3.8 That the committee nominates a member to the Infrastructure Planning Working Group.

4.0 BACKGROUND

Community Budget

- 4.1 A summary of spending against Local Committee discretionary budgets is provided at Appendix 1. Further details can be provided to councillors on request. Monitoring reports will be provided to local committee members at each committee meeting, to summarise the most up to date position with regard to the Communities Budget, taking account of decisions taken by the Local Committee. Further information concerning spending against the spending from the discretionary grants budget lines is available from the Carlisle Community Development Team and reported to the grants panel as required.

Local Committee Strategic Grants Panel

- 4.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a summary of the general provision grant applications considered by the Strategic Grants Panel at its meeting on 6th June 2019 and its recommendations. Further information can be made available to any councillor on request.

Area Planning and Communities

Library Services Review

- 4.3 Members were advised of review of some Library Service points in Carlisle at the meeting on 19th March 2019. The review has now concluded with recommendations at 3.6 in this report.

The services reviewed were:

Cotehill book drop
Nicholforest book drop
Monkhill book drop
Burgh by Sands book drop
Denton Holme Branch Library

The review found viable levels of usage at **Nicholforest** and **Cotehill** book drops and recommends continuation of these services

Monkhill did not match the required criteria for a Book Drop due to its close proximity to Burgh by Sands Book Drop. Also the collection of stock was much lower with just 50 books in the collection. Usage was very low and did not meet the criteria to remain open.

Alternative provision has been offered through a group ticket which was requested by the volunteer, who will visit Morton Library Link to select and collect books on behalf of people in the community. Anyone wishing to be added to the Home Delivery Service may do so.

Once the volunteer has notified all users a date will be agreed to cease the Book Drop pending Local Committee agreement.

Burgh by Sands book drop has been running once a week on Saturday mornings. There is very low usage with only 7 unique users.

Alternative provision has been offered through group ticket and the contribution of withdrawn books to help them set up their own library (their preferred option), online library offer and Home Delivery Service. It is proposed that the bookcase and equipment be donated to the community to retain their own library and the book drop will cease on 31st July 2019 pending Local Committee agreement.

Denton Holme has operated as a part time staffed branch library for a number of years from the Community Centre on Morley Street. Library staff have been in dialogue with the centres management committee concerning moving the library into the coffee bar area which remains a long term ambition and which would be better served by a modest reduction in stock and self-serve facilities.

There are some constraints around access to the library in school holidays and on occasions when other centre users have booked the main hall as this impedes through access to the room where the library is sited.

The proposal is to change this from a staffed branch library to a Library Link whereby a self-serve machine is installed. Staff will still service the facility on a weekly basis and stock will be refreshed and managed. This is very similar to facilities provided at Harraby and Morton Community Centres. The remaining staff hours will be redeployed within the main library in The Lanes.

There would be a modest reduction in titles available but no net reduction in hours. In fact there is greater potential to increase the hours with this type of provision. Access to ICT would continue uninterrupted in the meantime.

Autism Friendly Library

- 4.4 Members agreed at the meeting on 19th March 2019 to grant £4742 to Rising Stars towards purchasing equipment to fit out an Autism Sensory Room at Carlisle Library. There are additional costs of £6400 to refurbish the identified room within the library which are not budgeted for and which mean that the project may not be able to proceed as planned.
- 4.5 Given that this project is over and above the statutory provision associated with library services, members are asked to give consideration to supporting this matter outside the formal grants panel process. If agreed, this would be funded through the Area Planning fund, earmarked from 2018-19 underspend.

Area Planning Priorities

- 4.6 Following Local Committee on 9th May 2019, members agreed that the Area Plan for Carlisle would be formed around the themes of;
- Health and Wellbeing
 - Children and Young People
 - Economy and Infrastructure
 - Thriving Communities

The relevant sub groups of Carlisle Local Committee are working on developing priorities within these themes.

Area Planning workshops have been set for the financial year and are attached at appendix 4.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 Members may review and evaluate the recommendations 3.1 to 3.6. Member may choose to approve vary or reject the recommendations at 3.7 to 3.9. Members may wish to comment on other aspects contained within the report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Local Committee has unallocated resources of £46,656 in its General Provision. Should recommendations 3.2 and 3.4 be agreed, £15,000 will be committed from this budget, leaving £31,656 available for future allocation

6.2 There are unallocated resources of £60,000 in the 0-19 Grants budget. Should recommendations 3.3 and 3.5 be agreed, £18,760 will be committed from this budget, leaving £41,240 available for future allocation.

6.3 The allocation for the Area Planning budget is £48,055. Should recommendation 3.7 be agreed, £6,400 will be allocated from this budget, leaving £41,655 available for future allocation.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Local Committee is empowered under Part 2D of the Constitution to;

5.1.2 (d) Approve applications for grants from the Local Committee's budgets for amounts exceeding £ 5,000 in line with the policy.

4.1 to influence Council policies and strategies affecting their area; and...enable public services to be shaped locally, to achieve the best possible outcomes within available resources

5.1.1(d) Make representations to the relevant decision maker on:

ii. community regeneration and infrastructure development.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 This report provides Local Committee with an update on its budget position, its grant allocations public health funding and other related Area Planning issues.

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21 June 2019

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary Financial Statement

Appendix 2: Summary of the General Provision Grants

Appendix 3: Summary of the 0-19 Grants

Appendix 4: Area Planning session programme

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

	No
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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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